

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An illumination structure of a dial plate comprising:

a dial plate having inner figures arranged near a hole, and outer figures arranged at a distant part from the hole, said hole into which a pointer shaft is inserted;

a light source arranged at a back side of the dial plate below a pointer base, and supplying light simultaneously to a back surface of the dial plate and the pointer base;

a cylinder formed around the pointer shaft, and having an inner cavity having substantially the same diameter as said hole; and

a shade spaced from the dial plate and projecting from an outer wall of the cylinder for preventing a distance from the outer wall so as to prevent the inner figures from being illuminated by the direct light emitted from the light source.

Claim 2 (currently amended): ~~[[The]]~~ An illumination structure ~~as claimed in claim 1,~~  
of a dial plate comprising:

a dial plate having inner figures arranged near a hole, and outer figures arranged at a distant part from the hole, said hole into which a pointer shaft is inserted;

a light source arranged at a back side of the dial plate below a pointer base, and supplying light simultaneously to a back surface of the dial plate and the pointer base;

a cylinder formed around the pointer shaft, and having an inner cavity having substantially the same diameter as said hole; and

a shade spaced from the dial plate and projecting from an outer wall of the cylinder a distance from the outer wall so as to prevent the inner figures from being illuminated by the direct light emitted from the light source,

wherein said shade has a plate-like shape extending laterally from the outer wall of the cylinder.

Claim 3 (currently amended): [[The]] An illumination structure of a dial plate comprising:  
~~as claimed in claim 1;~~

a dial plate having inner figures arranged near a hole, and outer figures arranged at a distant part from the hole, said hole into which a pointer shaft is inserted;

a light source arranged at a back side of the dial plate below a pointer base, and supplying light simultaneously to a back surface of the dial plate and the pointer base;

a cylinder formed around the pointer shaft, and having an inner cavity having substantially the same diameter as said hole; and

a shade spaced from the dial plate and projecting from an outer wall of the cylinder a distance from the outer wall so as to prevent the inner figures from being illuminated by the direct light emitted from the light source;

wherein said shade has a plate-like shape extending laterally from the outer wall of the cylinder, and being bent downward at ~~[[the]]~~ an extreme end thereof.

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~[[The]]~~ An illumination structure ~~as claimed in claim 1, of~~  
a dial plate comprising:

a dial plate having inner figures arranged near a hole, and outer figures arranged at a distant part from the hole, said hole into which a pointer shaft is inserted;

a light source arranged at a back side of the dial plate below a pointer base, and supplying light simultaneously to a back surface of the dial plate and the pointer base;

a cylinder formed around the pointer shaft, and having an inner cavity having substantially the same diameter as said hole; and

a shade spaced from the dial plate and projecting from an outer wall of the cylinder a distance from the outer wall so as to prevent the inner figures from being illuminated by the direct light emitted from the light source,

wherein said shade has a dome-like shape extending from the outer wall of the cylinder.

Claim 6 (new): An illumination structure of a dial plate comprising:

a dial plate having inner figures arranged near a hole, and outer figures arranged at a distant part from the hole, said hole into which a pointer shaft is inserted;

a light source arranged at a back side of the dial plate below a pointer base, and supplying light simultaneously to a back surface of the dial plate and the pointer base;

a cylinder formed around the pointer shaft, and having an inner cavity having substantially the same diameter as said hole; and

a shade spaced from the dial plate and projecting from an outer wall of the cylinder a distance from the outer wall so as to prevent the inner figures from being illuminated by the direct light emitted from the light source, having a plate-like shape projecting laterally from an outer wall of an inverted semicircular cone, said cone extending from an outer wall of the cylinder at a truncated tip thereof.